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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26)

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May 28th 2017

*Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
and Sunday of the After-Feast of the Ascension*

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Weekly Schedule of Services:

Saturday Great Vespers 5:00pm

(Confessions heard after Great Vespers)

Sunday Orthros 8:45am followed by Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Wednesday Morning Prayers followed by Arabic Bible Study 10:00am

Check our website for feast day services and all other services

Welcome to St. Mary Orthodox Church! We extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings to you and your family. If this is your first time with us, we pray that you feel at home. After all, we are gathered together in our Father's house. For more information, please see one of the ushers at the end of the service for a "Welcome Packet." May God bless you and give you many healthy years in His service.

Changes in the Liturgy

First Antiphon

O clap your hands, all ye peoples; shout unto God with the voice of exultation.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. He hath subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

God is known in her palaces when He cometh to our aid.

Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together.

Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son, etc.

Third Antiphon

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Entrance Hymn

O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby, Thou didst meet the virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone Four)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone Eight)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to thee.

Troparion of the Dormition (Tone One)

In thy birth giving O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of the Ascension (Tone Six)

When thou didst fulfill thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

Epistle of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.*

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18; 28-36).

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day

of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel of the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13).

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Instead of “*We have seen the true light...*,” sing:

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone Four)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

REMINDER

In an effort to eliminate distractions, collection baskets will not be passed during the Divine Liturgy. Instead, we kindly ask you to make your donation or pledge before or after service by placing it in the **donation box** at the entrance of the church. Envelopes are available on both sides of the donation box. Please keep this in mind since we depend on your contributions. Thank you for your generosity!



OCCHY BLURB

Talk to your graduate about the dangers of celebrating with alcohol...

Drinking to celebrate graduation can result in vandalism, arrests, sexual assaults, trips to the emergency room, alcohol-related traffic crashes, and worse. Drinking by teens can put them—and their friends—in real danger. Ask them to consider this question: Is that any way to celebrate?

**DON'T BE AFRAID OF LOSING YOUR CHILD'S LOVE,
BE AFRAID OF LOSING THEM.**



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**Congratulations to all our
2017
graduates!**

**Please be safe and
celebrate responsibly.**

PARISH NEWS



Honoring your loved ones: Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays to provide Holy Bread and Coffee hour.

It's this gift of Holy Bread that we use to prepare communion and to share with our parishioners at the end of the service. *What better way to honor your loved ones on their birthday, anniversary, graduation or memorial.* It takes minimal effort, and it encourages fellowship among our community.

Holy Bread and Coffee Hour

5/28: Kamal and Nawal Sweis & Family

6/04: Emile and Eideh Haddad & Family

6/11: Eid Swais

Epistle Reading

5/28: Delia Haddad & Rima Sleiman

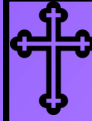
6/04: Subdn. Matthew & Nour Swaiss

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00pm -
The last mentorship session (until we resume in the Fall).



3rd & 9th Day Memorial
Odeh Sweis
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Churching

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Parents: George & Haneen Imsaih

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Sandy Sweis

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Saint Mary's ALTAR SERVERS' MINISTRY
"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"



May 28 Team B: Sharbel Samawi, Anthony Haddad, Hashem Tadros, Yousef A. Tadros, Jacob Tadros, Yousef R. Tadros, Faris Tadros, Basil Tadros, David Alnemri, Daniel Alnemri, Jaisingh Riske, Sharbel Alafnan, Michael Galuszynski, Nicholas Abu-Manneh, Sleman Shaheen, Gus Bousheh, Nicholas Bousheh, Abraham Sweis, Ryan Alhourani, Adrian Alhourani, Nicholas Alsweis.

June 4 Team A: Murad Salman, Jordan Albakhit, George Albakhit, David Sweiss, Michael Sweiss, Kyse Dahdal, Joseph Haddad, Rami Sweis, Saleem Swaiss, Samer Sweis, Christian Sweis, Charlie Sayeg, Malik Tadros, Ameer Tadros, Faris Makhmreh, Issa Khoury, Philip Haddad, Yazen Swaiss, Yanal Swaiss, Joseph Fallouh, Joseph Sweis.

John 12:26 *If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS
AND PARENTS OF ALTAR SERVERS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE BELOW, AND INFORM YOUR CHILDREN WHO ARE SERVING (**NOTE THE NEW ENTRANCE TO THE HOLY ALTAR, AND ARRIVAL TIME**)

ENTERING THE HOLY ALTAR: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE

When entering the Holy Altar, no one is allowed to enter through the curtains of the Iconostas. You **MUST** enter through the walkway **BEHIND** the Chanters/Choir to the far left of the church. **No one is allowed to enter through the Curtains of the Iconostas.**

ARRIVAL TIME: The Divine Liturgy begins at 10am; All Altar Boys **MUST** be in the Altar **BEFORE** 10am; if you arrive late, you will be sent back to sit with your family.

TEAMS:

Effective with Sunday April 23rd, All Altar boys must follow the schedule of their Team. So, Sunday April 23rd is for Team A; Sunday April 30th is Team B. Please only serve on those designated dates for your Team.

DRESSING for the Altar:

Gym/Running shoes are not appropriate for the Holy Altar. You must wear dress/casual shoes. Also, no shorts or T-shirts are allowed.

Any questions or concerns please see SubDeacons Matthew or Amir.



St. Mary
Orthodox
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Saturday,
May 20, 2017



Special Needs Service



The Special Needs Ministry hosted their first ever customized service for individuals with special needs. Following the service everyone enjoyed lunch, crafts, and activities together. We look forward to the next one! God bless all of the participants!





St. Mary's Marching Band

"Praise Him with resounding cymbals; Praise Him with triumphant cymbals; Let everything that breaths praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:5-6

We are pleased to announce that St. Mary's will be starting a Marching Band! The Marching Band will be performing at various church feasts/processions as well as church functions!

If you are interested and would like to join, please fill out the form below and send to Danny Haddad (dannyhaddad88@yahoo.com) or Munzer Nawas (marknawas@comcast.net)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Danny [708-927-3608](tel:708-927-3608) or Munzer [630-229-4404](tel:630-229-4404)
We will announce practice schedule once registration is complete.



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St. Mary's Men's Basketball League



The time has finally come for family, friends, and lots of fun! We are pleased to present the 5th Annual Men's Basketball League. The games will be held in the gymnasium of St. Mary's Orthodox Church. This league will be open to members of the community and to our sister churches. We ask that you all spread the word as much as possible, as we get things started to have another successful season! There will be sign-ups held during coffee hour and open gyms.

Season begins on June 4th 2017

Registration begins Sunday, April 23rd

Forms, Teams, and Fees due **TODAY*

Requirements:

- Signed waiver
- Team registration sheet
- Fees
- \$100/ person- With Purchase of Jersey

Information:

- Ages 16 and up
- Make your own team
- Min members per team -- 7
- Max members per team – 9

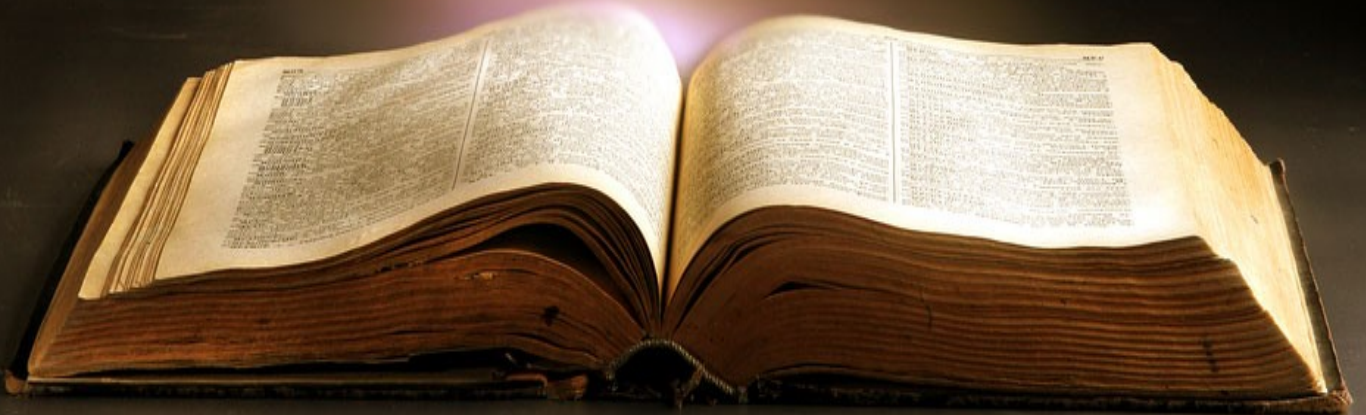
Contact: athletics@stmaryoc.org

Nidal Haddad 708-691-8849 or Murad Salman 708-979-0101

YAM Bible Study

TODAY after Liturgy
in the Nadi

Topic: "Understanding of—and Preparing for—the End Times"



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Thursday June 22nd at 7pm

At the Parish Life Conference
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1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook IL 60523

Please register ahead of time at:
<http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html>

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MARK 11:17

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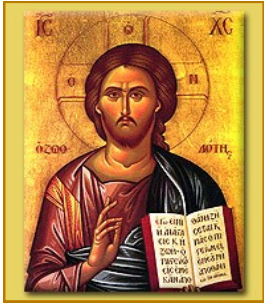
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Weekly Synaxarion



On May 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene; Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica; Venerable Andrew of Constantinople, fool-for-Christ; Germanos, bishop of Paris; and Ignatius the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov. On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia. Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, The Creed, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles. By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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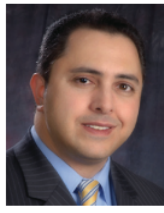
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